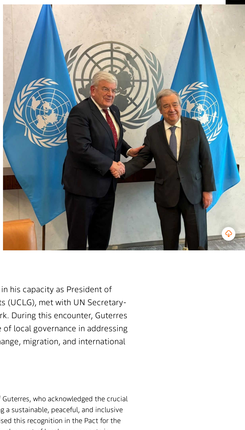

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Mayor Jan van Zanen meets with UN Secretary-General António Guterres

The power of local governments to tackle global challenges

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Mayor Jan van Zanen of The Hague, in his capacity as President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), met with UN Secretary-General António Guterres in New York. During this encounter, Guterres emphasised the growing importance of local governance in addressing global challenges such as climate change, migration, and international conflicts.

The meeting took place at the invitation of Guterres, who acknowledged the crucial role of cities and municipalities in achieving a sustainable, peaceful, and inclusive future. In September 2024, the UN formalised this recognition in the Pact for the Future, emphasising the need for greater involvement of local governments in international decision-making. Guterres reaffirmed the UN's commitment to strengthening municipalities' positions within global policymaking and called on UCLG to contribute to this effort.

> *"I am pleased that the UN recognises the power of local governance. Municipalities must be more involved in UN decisions, as local leaders directly witness the impact of international conflicts, climate issues, and inequality. They understand what is needed to ensure communities function well and can quickly assess what works and what doesn't."*
>
> Mayor Van Zanen

UCLG

As the international city of peace and justice, The Hague plays an active role in city diplomacy and hosted the international UCLG conference in October 2024. This event brought together hundreds of mayors and local leaders to discuss the role of local governments in tackling global challenges. City diplomacy enables cities to collaborate and share knowledge directly and is becoming increasingly important in a world where many issues transcend national borders and have a direct impact on urban areas.

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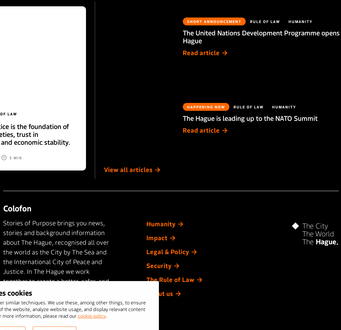

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Geachte heer van den Wittenboer,

Met belangstelling heb ik uw brief d.d. 5 september jl. en de bijgevoegde stukken kunnen lezen.

U vermeldt in uw schrijven in Den Haag ingeschreven te staan. Ik ben zo vrij geweest dat na te gaan. Het hebben van een woon- of verblijfplaats is namelijk van groot belang in het kader van de Algemene Bijstandswet. Deze wet, op grond waarvan in beginsel financiële steun geboden kan worden aan mensen die zelf niet over een minimum inkomen beschikken, geeft aan, dat de gemeente waar iemand zich bevindt bijstand aan die persoon kan verlenen.

Een en ander betekent, dat u feitelijk zou moeten wonen in de gemeente Den Haag en in de haagse Gemeentelijk Basisadministratie opgenomen zou moeten zijn om hier een bijstandsaanvraag te kunnen indienen. Uit onderzoek is mij gebleken, dat u hier niet (meer) woonachtig bent. Dit leidt ertoe, dat u van de gemeente Den Haag geen financiële bijstand kunt krijgen. Ik raad u daarom aan om u zo spoedig mogelijk te wenden tot de gemeente waar u daadwerkelijk woont.

Mocht u echter in Den Haag een zwervend bestaan leiden, dan kunt u zich wellicht het beste wenden tot de Kessler Stichting, de La Reyweg 522 of het Leger des Heils, Nieboerweg 125, alhier. Onder bepaalde voorwaarden is het mogelijk om via deze instanties een beroep op de Algemene Bijstandswet te doen.

Vertrouwend u hiermee voldoende te hebben geïnformeerd, teken ik,

De wethouder van Onderwijs,
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ANKE VAN KAMPEN

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September 13, 1995

Subject
social rights

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your above-mentioned request to the Mayor
targeted, letter. Since this subject falls under the responsibility of the
Councillor for Education, Social Affairs, Employment Projects and Integration
and Emancipation Policy falls, I, on behalf of the mayor, have received your lette
r
settlement forwarded to this councillor.

For information, please contact the alderman's secretariat,

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Date

September 28, 1995

Subject

reply to letter dated , 5-9-1995

Dear Mr. van den Wittenboer,

I have read with interest your letter dated September 5th and the enclosed
be able to read pieces.

You mention in your letter that you are registered in The Hague. I am so free
been to check that. Having a place of residence or stay is namely
of great importance in the context of the General Assistance Act. This Act, on the basis
in principle financial support can be provided to people who cannot afford it them selves
have a minimum income, indicates that the municipality where someone resides
can provide assistance to that person.

This means that you should actually live in the municipality of The Hague
and should be included in the Hague Municipal Basic Administration in order to
to be able to submit an application for assistance here. Research has shown me tha t,

that you no longer live here. This means that you are required by the municipality The Hague you cannot get financial assistance. I therefore advise you to to contact the municipality where you actually live as soon as possible.

However, if you lead a nomadic existence in The Hague, you may be able to it is best to contact the Kessler Foundation, La Reyweg 522 or the Leger des Heils, Nieboerweg 125, here. Under certain conditions it is possible to these authorities to appeal to the General Assistance Act.

Trusting that I have informed you sufficiently, I sign,
The Councillor for Education,

Social Affairs, Employment Projects and
Ing@gratfie - and Engfancipatiebeleid ,

ANKE VAN

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